GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:233
ANSWERED ON:16.07.2002
REBUILDING OF SHRINES
SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have not given permission to rebuild shrines in Gujarat as reported in the Hindustan Times dated June 25, 2002;

(b) if so, whether National Commission of Minorities has taken up the matter with the State Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to ensure that promises are fulfilled without delay?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D.SWAMI)

(a) to (d): As per information available, the National commission for Minorities had recommended to the State Govt. that 293 dargahs and 202 mosques destroyed by the rioters be rebuilt and the State Government had agreed to the suggestion and initiated survey in this regard. Since the issue falls within the purview of the State Government, the question of not granting permission in this regard does not arise.